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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments made during prosecution of the international application and published in the International Preliminary Examination Report, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, be entered. On 16 June 2004, new pages 11 and 11/1, which includes new claims 2-7, were added to the International application. An English translation of claims 2-7 is enclosed herewith.